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## **THE NATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES**

### **Institute of Museum and Library Services**

#### **Notice of Proposed Information Collection Request: STEM Expert Facilitation of Family Learning in Libraries and Museums (STEMeX) – A National Leadership Grants Special Initiative**

**AGENCY:** Institute of Museum and Library Services, National Foundation for the Arts and the Humanities

**ACTION:** Notice, request for comments, collection of information

**SUMMARY:** The Institute of Museum and Library Service (“IMLS”) as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a pre-clearance consultation program to provide the general public and federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 et. seq.). This pre-clearance consultation program helps to ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed. The purpose of this Notice is to solicit comments concerning the STEM Expert Facilitation of Family Learning in Libraries and Museums (STEMeX) – A National Leadership Grants Special Initiative.

A copy of the proposed information collection request can be obtained by contacting the individual listed below in the ADDRESSES section of this notice.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the ADDRESSES section below on or before July 25, 2016.

The IMLS is particularly interested in comments which:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

**ADDRESSES:** For a copy of the documents contact: Sandra Toro, Senior Library Program Officer, Institute of Museum and Library Services, 955 L'Enfant Plaza North, SW, Suite 4000, Washington, D.C. 20024. Dr. Toro can be reached by telephone: 202-653-4662; fax: 202-653-4625; e-mail: [storo@imls.gov](mailto:storo@imls.gov) or by or by *teletype* (TTY/TDD) for persons with hearing difficulty at 202-653-4614.

## **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

### **I. Background**

The Institute of Museum and Library Services is the primary source of federal support for the Nation's 123,000 libraries and 35,000 museums. The Institute's mission is to inspire libraries and museums to advance innovation, learning and civic engagement. We provide leadership through research, policy development, and grant making. IMLS provides a variety of grant programs to assist the Nation's museums and libraries in improving their operations and enhancing their services to the public. (20 U.S.C. § 9101 et seq.).

### **II. Current Actions**

To administer the STEM Expert Facilitation of Family Learning in Libraries and Museums (STEMeX) – A National Leadership Grants Special Initiative. National Leadership Grants for Libraries (NLG-Libraries) and National Leadership Grants for Museums (NLG-Museums), under which this special initiative falls, support projects that address challenges faced by the library and museum fields and that have the potential to advance practice in those fields. Successful projects will generate results such as new tools, research findings, models, services, practices, or alliances that can be widely used, adapted, scaled, or replicated to extend the benefits of federal investment. This special joint NLG-Libraries and NLG-Museums initiative invites proposals for research on

informal educational approaches that leverage community Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) professionals in the broadest sense. Funded research projects will create a foundation for reaching children and families from diverse economic, social, and cultural backgrounds, with different levels of knowledge about STEM.

Agency: Institute of Museum and Library Services.

Title: STEM Expert Facilitation of Family Learning in Libraries and Museums (STEMeX) – A National Leadership Grants Special Initiative.

OMB Number: TBD

Agency Number: 3137.

Frequency: One time.

Affected Public: Libraries, agencies, institutions of higher education, museums, and other entities that advance the museum and library fields and that meet the eligibility criteria.

Number of Respondents: 37.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 40 hours.

Total Burden Hours: 1,480.

Total Annualized cost to respondents: \$43,805.

Total Annualized capital/startup costs: 0.

Total Annualized Cost to Federal Government: \$7,608.

*Public Comments Invited:* Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB's clearance of this information collection.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Stephanie Burwell, Chief Information Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Institute of Museum and Library Services, 955 L'Enfant Plaza North, SW, Suite 4000, Washington, DC 20024-2135. Mrs. Burwell can be reached by Telephone: 202-653-4684, Fax: 202-653-4625, or by e-mail at [sburwell@imls.gov](mailto:sburwell@imls.gov) or by teletype (TTY/TDD) at 202-653-4614. Office hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., E.T., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

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